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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Edward Shipwash

Application No.: 09/927,424

Filed: August 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
RAPID BIOMOLECULAR
RECOGNITION OF AMINO ACIDS
AND PROTEIN SEQUENCING

Examiner: Hashemi, Shar S.

Art Unit: 1637

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed September 19, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-60 and 93-96, drawn to a method of detecting a primary amino acid, spatial array, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants have separately filed a petition for an extension of time to the present date with payment of the appropriate fee.

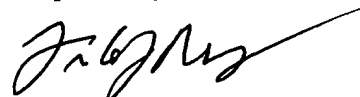
Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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